

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Bradley Edelman

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's response and amendments filed on May 19, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14, 18 and 23-25.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 November 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14, 18, and 23-25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In considering claim 1, claim 1 is allowed for the reasons set forth in Applicant's remarks filed on May 19, 2005. Notably, the claims require the use of a selected translation formula to convert a received sub-domain portion of a name associated with a domain name into a different sub-domain that uses the same native character set, and then generating a request for the domain name using the converted sub-domain. While it is generally known to select formulas to translate domain names into a different character set (as discussed in U.S. Patent No. 6,738,827) and it is also generally known to translate domain names into IP addresses or into pre-set re-direct domain names, Examiner was unable to find any art disclosing selecting translation formulas to translate sub-domains of domain names within the same native character set, as claimed. The closest art is perhaps the Balkin reference describing AltaVista's translation site, which describes selecting a translation formula (i.e. English-to-French), and then appending native language characters to the entire domain name to create a different domain name for use in accessing Web pages. However, AltaVista's translation site does not *convert* the sub-domain portion of the received name into another sub-domain portion according to the translation formula to generate a request for the domain name, as claimed.

For these reasons, claims 1 is allowed.

Claim 18 contains the same limitations as claim 1 and is allowed for the same reasons.

Claims 12 and 25 are allowed for the reasons set forth in the Office action sent on November 19, 2004.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley Edelman whose telephone number is 571-272-3953. The examiner can normally be reached from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glen Burgess can be reached at 571-272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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August 18, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bradley Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "C".